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CHRISTIAN GROUPS COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT

ASKS YMCA HELP IN EXPOSING US SPIES -- Wen-hui Pao, 8 Jan 50

Kuang-chou, 7 January -- On 7 January, more than 400 persons attended the annual director's meeting of the Kuang-chou Young Men's Christian Association to hear Chu Kuang, Deputy Mayor of Kuang-chou, plead for YMCA cooperation and vigilance against US spies. He said:

"The new people's government is represented by all the people and was created to help, guide, and protect the people. The failure of the Kuomintang government is attributed mainly to its failure to benefit the masses. The Chiang bandits are now working with the US imperialists who supply monetary, as well as material assistance, to help kill the Chinese people. They are secretly plotting to seize Taiwan.

"We hope that the local YMCA will cooperate with the people's government. Since the YMCA maintains close liaison with foreigners, it must always be on the look-out for dangerous foreign elements, especially US spies."

CHRISTIAN LEADERS SERVE ON COMMITTEES -- Hua-ch'iao Hih-pao, 21 Jan 50

Kuang-chou -- The Christian organizations in Kuang-chou, since the liberation, are faring nicely under the new form of government. Their policy seems to be full cooperation with the new government as long as the government guarantees religious freedom.

The Kuang-chou Young Men's Christian Association has already sponsored several plays satirizing reactionary elements. Both the YMCA and YWCA have sent delegates to participate in the city's all-circle conference. The YMCA celebrated Kuang-chou Youth Day in conjunction with all other youth groups in the city. It has also held several lectures explaining the meaning of the New Democracy.

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Such Christian leaders as Chao Kuan-hai, pastor and graduate of Yale Divinity School and the Pacific School of Religion in the US; and Wang I-tun and Lin Chin-ju, general secretaries of the Kuang-chou YMCA and YWCA, respectively, are in the Kuang-chou Municipal Assembly. Wang is also a member of the Kuang-chou Winter Relief Committee while Chao is a member of a committee in the Kuang-chou Branch of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association.

PARTICIPATE IN WINTER RELIEF PROGRAM -- Wen-hui Pao, 18 Jan 56

Kuang-chou -- In response to a call from the Kuang-chou People's government, the Christian organizations have formed an 11-man committee to collect rice and money to help in the winter-relief program of the city.

From 10 to 25 January, the committee members will go to different residential areas of the city to collect one catty of grain or 800 yuan in people's currency from each member of a household.

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